

4. (Thrice Amended) The bandwidth allocation manager of claim [30] 27, wherein the allocation criteria received from the subscriber comprises a subscriber reservation request identifying a date and time that the subscriber wishes to reserve for viewing a program in the future.

5. (Twice Amended) The bandwidth allocation manager of claim [30] 27, wherein the allocation criteria received from the subscriber comprises a plurality of subscriber reservation requests with at least two assigned priorities.

6. (Thrice Amended) The bandwidth allocation manager of claim [30] 27, wherein the bandwidth allocation manager processes a plurality of allocation criteria according to a statistical model to determine an adjusted bandwidth allocation schedule, wherein the statistical model assigns a weight to each of the allocation criteria, and wherein the assigned weight determines the priority given to each allocation criteria.

Cancel Claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

9. (Thrice Amended) The bandwidth allocation system of claim [31] 28, wherein the at least two different content delivery modes are selected from the group consisting of broadcast, pay-per-view, video-on-demand, and near video-on-demand.

10. (Thrice Amended) The bandwidth allocation system of claim [31] 28, wherein the allocation criteria received from the subscriber comprises a subscriber reservation request identifying a date and time that the subscriber wishes to reserve for viewing a program in the future.

11. (Twice Amended) The bandwidth allocation system of claim [31] 28, wherein the allocation criteria received from a subscriber comprises a plurality of subscriber reservation requests with at least two assigned priorities.